

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution # 09-0218-30

Approval of grant proposal to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of Trust Responsibilities to develop an Integrated Resource Management Plan for FY2009

WHEREAS, the status of the *Gaá Čhíng Ziibi Daáwaa Aníshinaábek* (Little River Band of Ottawa Indians) as a sovereign and Treaty-making power is confirmed in numerous treaties, from agreements with the initial colonial powers on this land, to various treaties with the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (Tribe) is descended from, and is the political successor to, the Grand River Ottawa Bands, signatories of the 1836 Treaty of Washington (7 Stat. 491) with the United States, as reaffirmed by federal law in P.L. 103-324, enacted in 1994; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe adopted a new Constitution, pursuant to a vote of the membership on May 27, 1998, which Constitution became effective upon its approval by the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs on July 10, 1998; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe adopted amendments to the Constitution on April 26, 2004, which became effective upon approval by the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs on May 13, 2004; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is authorized under Article IV, Section 7(a) to provide for the public health, peace, morals, education and general welfare of the Little River Band and its members; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7 (i)(2) of the Constitution, has the power to manage any funds within the exclusive control of the Tribe and to appropriate such funds for the benefit of the Tribe and its members; and

WHEREAS, the natural resources of the LRBOI are essential to the health, welfare, and sovereignty of our Tribe; and

WHEREAS, we wish to develop a balanced strategic plan for managing all aspects of our natural resource in a manner that will afford protection for a broad range of values while allowing us to extract income from our land base where possible; and


NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians shall undertake an integrated resource management planning effort which encompasses LRBOI property and is under the direction of the Office of the Ogema resulting in a comprehensive Integrated Resource Management Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that culturally sensitive plant and animal resources and sacred sites will be provided the highest level of protection in all circumstances;


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the tribal community shall be involved in the planning process.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 5 FOR, 1 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, and 3 ABSENT, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on February 18, 2009 at the Little River Band's Dome Room in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.



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